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SUBJECT: SUPREME ADVISORY COUNCIL INSTALLED

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1. PRESIDENT SUHARTO INSTALLED 33 MEMBERS OF THE THE NEW SUPREME ADVISORY COUNCIL (DPA) AUGUST 3, TELLING THEM THAT HE CAN UNDERSTAND THE ATTITUDE OF MANY INDONESIANS WHO ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH PRESENT CONDITIONS, BUT HE HOPED THEY WOULD USE THESE FEELINGS AS A SPUR TO FURTHER PROGRESS RATHER THAN ALLOWING THEM TO BECOME AN OBSTACLE TO DEVELOPMENT. THE ADVISORY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DPA HAS BECOME MORE IMPORTANT, HE SAID, NOTING THAT ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTION IT MUST PROVIDE THE PRESIDENT WITH ADVICE AND PROPOSALS WHETHER REQUESTED OR NOT.

2. THE DPA WAS ENLARGED IN JUNE FROM 27 TO 45 SEATS, SAID THE PRESIDENT, TO ALLOW IT TO COPE WITH THE GROWING NUMBER AND COMPLEXITY OF NATIONAL PROBLEMS. AMONG THE 33 MEMBERS INSTALLED AT THIS TIME ARE SIX FORMER MINISTERS: SIWABESSY (HEALTH), MUKTI ALI (RELIGION),
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SYARIF THAYEB (EDUCATION AND CULTURE), SUTAMI (PUBLIC WORKS), SOENAWAR SOEKOWATI (PEOPLE'S WELFARE), AND THOJIB HADIWIDJAJA (AGRICULTURE). THE INDONESIAN DEMOCRACY PARTY (PDI) PROVIDED THREE MEMBERS, AS DID THE MUSLIM-BACKED DEVELOPMENT UNITY PARTY (PPP) INCLUDING FORMER PARLIAMENT CHAIRMAN IDHAM CHALID AND VICE CHAIRMAN JOHN NARO. ALSO ON THE LIST WAS CISIS STAFFER AND FORMER

YOUTH LEADER HARRY TJAN SILALAH.

3. COMMENT: THE SEATS GIVEN TO THE POLITICAL PARTIES
ARE PARTIAL COMPENSATION FOR THEIR EXCLUSION FROM THE
CURRENT CABINET. THE LIST OF NEW DPA MEMBERS CONTAINS
NO OBVIOUS CRUSADERS OR FIREBRANDS, AND THE ORGANIZATION
SHOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE ONLY LIMITED INFLUENCE ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.
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